

COLONIAL HERITAGE BYWAY

The Colonial Heritage Byway provides an impressive tour of 18th and 19th century history in North Carolina. **Begin following the byway**

from its western end in the Guilford County town of Monticello and follow N.C. 150 East through Williamsburg to Locust Hill. About 1.5 miles past Locust Hill, turn right onto U.S. 158 East and follow five miles into Yanceyville,

the Caswell County seat. Established in 1791 as Caswell Court House, the name was changed in 1833 to honor then state legislator Bartlett Yancey.

Turn right onto Main Street (S.R. 1163). Continue on Main Street and turn left onto N.C. 62 North. Look for many older houses and barns dating back to the 1800s in Milton. Prior to the Civil War, Milton was a booming community with two newspapers and a branch of the state bank. **Turn right onto N.C. 57 South toward Semora, where the byway turns right again onto N.C. 119 South, and travel four miles before turning right onto Stephentown Road (S.R. 1564). Watch carefully for this turn; it appears quickly as the road rises and curves to the left.**

Follow Stephentown Road six miles before turning right onto U.S. 158 West and follow two miles. At N.C.

86, turn left and travel south nearly 24 miles. This portion of the byway provides a glimpse of piedmont dairy farms and

rural life. Look for a white brick building to the right while passing through the Hightowers community and a red brick building to the left in Prospect Hill. These are examples of general stores of the mid-1800s and are still in use today.

Just north of Hillsborough, turn left onto Governor Burke Drive (S.R. 1619). Stop and look carefully before crossing the intersection of N.C. 57 where the state road number changes to 1556 and becomes unpaved. The grave of

Gov. Thomas Burke, who served from 1781–1782 as the third North Carolina governor elected by the General Assembly, lies in a tree grove to the left about three quarters of a mile from N.C. 57.

When the road ends, turn right onto Miller Road (S.R. 1555) and continue 1.5 miles through a residential area, crossing U.S. 70. Turn right onto St. Mary's Road (S.R. 1002), which becomes East King Street (S.R. 1150). Settled in 1754, Hillsborough, the Orange County seat, was once North Carolina's summer capital. Public tours of the historic district begin at the visitor's center located on the corner of King and Cameron streets.



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Orange County Courthouse